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INFORMATION REPORT

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1. Zatec Airfield [5022N-1535E] was located between 10 and 15 km. NNE of the city of Zatec. The airfield measured approximately five kilometers from west to east. [REDACTED] The west and north perimeters of the field were bounded by two highways. There was a single-track railroad line south of the field. [REDACTED] the airfield [REDACTED] could possibly be extended eastward. [REDACTED] the airfield was rectangular. The airfield surface was level and grassy.
2. [REDACTED] natural drainage on the airfield must have been good because of the sloping terrain on the southern border of the field. [REDACTED]
3. [REDACTED] no construction activities on the airfield surface, runways, buildings, or technical devices. There was construction in progress east of the landing area. [REDACTED]
4. There were no hills in the vicinity of the airfield. [REDACTED] no trees, chimneys, or buildings surrounding the airfield area. Telephone poles led along the highway on the north border of the field.
5. [REDACTED] the airfield was military because of the fact that the guards patrolling the highway [Annex B, Point #1] wore Air Force uniforms and [REDACTED] military aircraft were parked on the field.

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6. The following is a legend to Annex A, Pinpoint Location of Zatec Airfield:

Point #1. Zatec Airfield. [REDACTED]

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#2. Construction Area. [REDACTED]
Described under Point #6 of site layout.

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#3. Rail Spur. [REDACTED]

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#4. Highway. Chomutov /5027N-1326E/ to Louny /5021N-1348E/.

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Point #1. Highway - Chomutov to Louny. This was an asphalt road approximately six meters wide. It bordered the northern perimeter of the airfield. Signs /indicated by "X" on sketch/ posted along this road prohibited the stopping of vehicles and taking of photographs. Czech Air Force guards in blue uniforms and armed with submachine guns, patrolled the road.

#2. Control Tower and Building. This was located on the airfield 10 to 15 m. from the highway. The building was 9-10 m. long and 5 m. high. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] it was made of stucco. The control tower was located in the center of the roof of the building. It was five meters high and three or four meters wide; the control room was enclosed in green glass. [REDACTED] antenna and a wind vane on the roof. The antenna was a receiving antenna [REDACTED]

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#3. Buildings (three). These were one-story, wooden buildings six to eight meters in length. [REDACTED] they were temporary billets for pilots and maintenance personnel; each probably could accommodate 10 to 12 people.

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#4. Aircraft Parking Ramp. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] 1952, there were five or six jet fighters /referred to as MIG's [REDACTED] and four or five YAK fighters parked on this ramp. The canopies and engine sections were canvas covered. [REDACTED]

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#5. Landing Field Boundary. (Approximate)

#6. Construction Area. The dotted line indicates the approximate area [REDACTED] construction activity and many workers. Much excavation work was in progress [REDACTED] trucks and steam shovels. [REDACTED] this area was to be the main building area of Zatec Airfield upon completion and [REDACTED] it would not serve as an obstruction because of the fact that the ground level was much lower than at the landing area.

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Point #7. Rail Spur. This was single-track and located within the construction area. [redacted] several tank cars at the west end of the track. [redacted] other freight cars containing unidentified material.

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#8. Fuel Storage Tank and Pump. (Approximate location). The tank was beneath the level of the ground but had not been buried. The pump resembled an ordinary service station pump. [redacted] two or three fuel trucks in the area of the tank and pump. These were green in color [redacted] of the type used by Czech Air Force units in England during World War II.

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#9. Runway. (Approximate location). [redacted]

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[redacted] the runway lay in a general west to east direction. It appeared to be of recent construction, of concrete, and in excellent condition. Judging from the over-all length of the landing area of the field [redacted] estimate the runway to be three kilometers long. [redacted]

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#10. Highway - Zatec to Most 5032N-1339E. This was of asphalt and approximately six meters wide. It bordered the west perimeter of the airfield.

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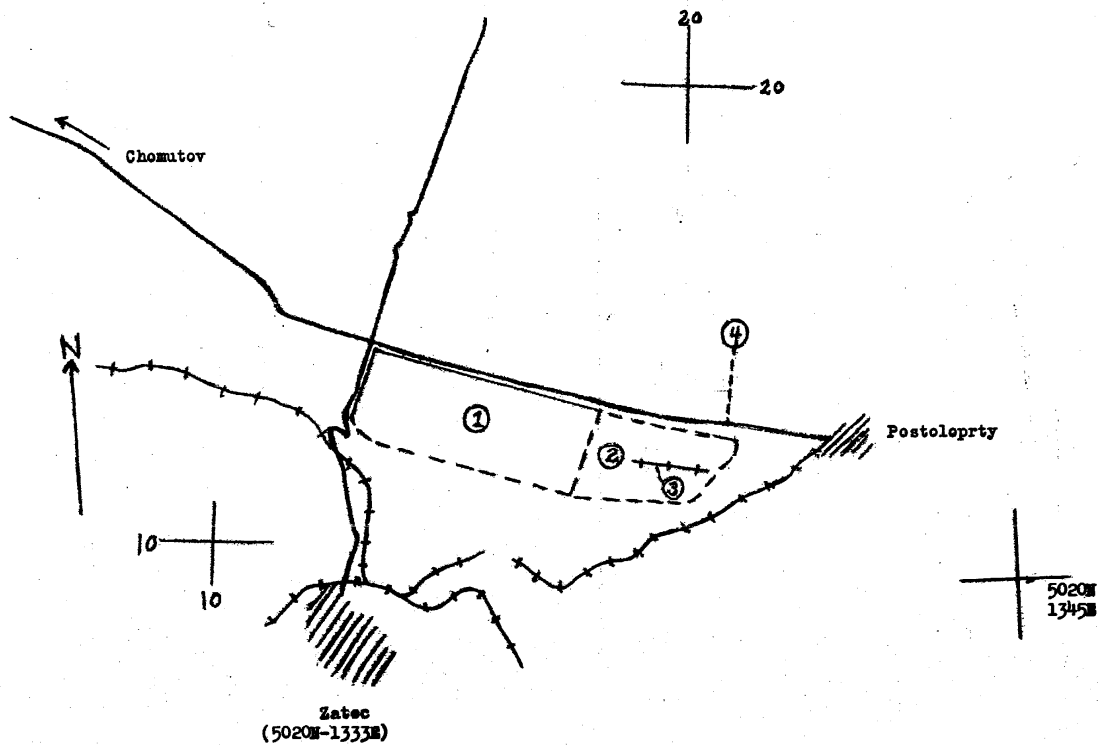
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Location, Zatec Airfield
B: [redacted] Sketch of Zatec Airfield

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